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SUBJECT: GENERAL DEBATE, MAY 30: CUBA AND URUGUAY

1. CUBA. RAFAEL RODRIGUEZ, VICE PRESIDENT OF CUBA, MADE POLEMICAL STATEMENT TO SSOD PLENARY CLEARLY DESIGNED TO ANSWER CHARGES OF ITS MISCONDUCT IN AFRICA. HE REJECTED "THE FALSE VIEWS," REPORTED IN THE "CLEVERLY MANIPULATED" WORLD PRESS MADE BY US LEADERS RECENTLY, AND CLAIMED INSTEAD THAT CUBA WAS DEDICATED TO EQUAL RIGHTS, SOVEREIGNTY AND INDEPENDENCE. QUOTING CASTRO'S 1960'S CLAIM THAT "HISTORY WILL VINDICATE ME," IN TAKING ARMS IN CUBA'S OWN REVOLUTION, RODRIGUEZ PRAISED THE "COURAGE AND DISCIPLINE" OF CUBA TROOPS OUTSIDE CUBA WHICH HE JUSTIFIED IN THE NAME OF REVOLUTION AGAINST COLONIALISM AND IMPERIALIST POWERS. HE TOOK PRIDE IN THE "MODEST CONTRIBUTION" SUCH FORCES MIGHT MAKE TO SAFEGUARD, TO EXTENT POSSIBLE, THE INTERESTS OF OTHER PEOPLES WHO HAD CALLED UPON CUBA TO "INSURE
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THEIR SOVEREIGNTY AND INDEPENDENCE." IN DOING SO, HE DISTINGUISHED BETWEEN WARS FOR ECONOMIC DOMINATION, CONDUCTED BY THE IMPERIALIST POWERS, AND WARS FORCED UPON OPPRESSED PEOPLE BY DOMINEERING GOVERNMENTS. HE REPEATEDLY CALLED THE FORMER THE RESULT OF A "POLICY OF PLUNDER."

DISARMAMENT, HE SAID, CANNOT BE ACCOMPLISHED IMMEDIATELY. ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DOMINATION ARE THE ROOTS OF WAR. THE NEW FACTOR, HE SAID, IS THAT ARMS PRODUCTION IS AN ESSENTIAL FACTOR IN CONTEMPORARY CAPITALIST PRODUCTION, AND FEEDS THE INTERESTS OF THE MAJOR CORPORATIONS, WHICH ARE ALLIED WITH THE MILITARY SERVICES IN WHAT PRESIDENT EISENHOWER TERMED THE "MILITARY-INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX," WHEN HE WARNED OF THE DANGER OF ITS ACHIEVING "MISPLACED POWER" AND "UNWARRANTED INFLUENCE." HE SAID PEACE, SECURITY AND DISARMAMENT ARE LINKED WITH AN ATMOSPHERE OF DETENTE. THE NON-ALIGNED CALLED FOR THE SSOD AS MUCH BECAUSE THEY ARE ECONOMICALLY UNDERDEVELOPED AS BECAUSE THEY WANT PEACE; AND ARMS DIVERT RESOURCES FROM THE NEED TO ESTABLISH THE NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER. HE SAID IT IS NOT STRANGE THAT THE INITIATIVE HAD COME FROM NON-ALIGNED, SINCE THEY "HAVE NO ECONOMIC INTERESTS TO PROTECT THROUGH WAR; NO WILL TO RETAIN THE PRODUCT OF PLUNDER." HE CALLED THE SSOD A "DECISIVE AND NECESSARY STEP TO A WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE, IN WHICH PLENIPOTENTIARY REPRESENTATIVES WOULD MEET TO CONSIDER THE STANDARDS NECESSARY FOR PEACE.

MOVING FROM THE "CRITICAL" TO THE "CONSTRUCTIVE," RODRIGUEZ PICKED UP THE SOVIET LINE THAT IT WAS NOW POSSIBLE TO MAKE HEADWAY THROUGH INCREASED DETENTE, UNCLASSIFIED

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CITING MODEST BUT PERCEPTIBLE PROGRESS IN SALT AND IN SCHMIDT/BREZHNEV MEETING. IN THE ABSENCE OF ANY MILITARY SUPERIORITY, AND IN A CLIMATE OF BALANCE AND PARITY, A NEW INTERNATIONAL CLIMATE HAD BEEN USHERED IN AND HE HOPED IT WOULD PREVAIL. RETURNING TO THE ATTACK, HE SAID, THIS CLIMATE WAS POSSIBLE TO SUSTAIN ONLY IF IT WERE POSSIBLE TO ELIMINATE THE CAMPAIGN OF "HATRED AND DISTRUST" AGAINST THE "PEOPLES STRUGGLE." HE REFERRED TO PRESIDENT CARTER'S WAKE FOREST SPEECH AS "MILITARY DRUM ROLLING"; AND CLAIMED HIS CHARGES AGAINST CUBA ARE "FALSE AND IMPUDENTLY REPEATED LIES." HE SAID CUBA "HAS NOT PARTICIPATED DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY IN THE EVENTS IN SHABA," HAS NOT SUPPLIED ARMS AND HAS NO POLITICAL TIES THERE, CHARACTERIZING SUCH CHARGES AS DEVIATIONS AND FALSIFICATIONS, IN CONSISTENT WITH DETENTE. IN CRITICIZING US POLITICAL AND MILITARY LEADERS FOR ADVOCATING PRODUCTION OF NEUTRON BOMB, HE SCATHINGLY RECALLED SENATOR RICHARD RUSSELL'S OLD STATEMENT IN DEFENDING ABM'S THAT IF THERE BE BUT ONE MAN AND ONE WOMAN LEFT IN THE WORLD, HE HOPED THEY WOULD BE US CITIZENS. HE FURTHER CRITICIZED ISRAEL, ITS "ALLIES IN US RULING CIRCLES,"

AND THE US "ILLEGAL OCCUPATION OF OUR TERRITORIES"
(GUANTANAMO) "IGNORING UNIVERSAL PROTEST." HE FURTHER
CRITICIZED US "RESPONSIBILITY" ALONG WITH OTHER
WESTERN POWERS, FOR THE "OBSTINACY" OF THE IAN SMITH
REGIME, AND THE PRESENCE OF FOREIGN TROOPS IN ZAIRE
"ON THE PRETEXT OF PROTECTING THEIR CITIZENS." HE
SAID HIS GOVERNMENT MUST TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE
LEGITIMATE ASPIRATIONS OF OPPRESSED PEOPLES.

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IN THE FINAL SUBSTANTIVE SECTION OF HIS SPEECH, RODRIGUEZ
SAID THE ABOVE PRINCIPLES "DETERMINE OUR ATTITUDES"
ON THE DRAFT DOCUMENTS OF THE SSOD. THE THREAT OF WORLD
WAR MUST BE ELIMINATED; NEGOTIATIONS MUST LEAD TO AGREE-
MENTS ON BINDING CONVENTIONS, SUCH AS THE SOVIET SPONSORED
CONVENTION RENOUNCING FORCE AS AN INSTRUMENT OF INTER-
NATIONAL POLICY; NUCLEAR ARMS MUST BE ELIMINATED;
GUARANTEES SHOULD BE GIVEN THAT NON-PROLIFERATION EFFORTS
"NOT HINDER" ACCESS TO NUCLEAR ENERGY FOR PEACEFUL PUR-
POSES; ALL MDW (CW, BW, ETC) MUST BE ELIMINATED; AND
DISARMAMENT MUST BE USED AS A MEANS OF ECONOMIC DEVELOP-
MENT.

2. URUGUAY. URUGUAYAN MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS,
ALEJANDRO ROVIRA, MADE THOUGHTFUL SPEECH INTERSPERSED
WITH NUMEROUS ACADEMIC PRINCIPLES AND SOURCES MEANT

MORE AS AN ANALYSIS THAN A CALL TO ACTION. SPECIFICALLY,
HE SUPPORTED INITIATIVES TO:

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- (1) PROMOTE NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT AND THE PREVENTION OF
NUCLEAR WAR;
- (2) RESTRUCTURE THE CCD AND UN DISARMAMENT MACHINERY;
- (3) PROHIBIT THE USE OF CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS, PARTICULARLY
INHUMANE ONES;
- (4) REACH AGREEMENT ON CONVENTION FOR NON-USE OF NUCLEAR
WEAPONS;
- (5) ELIMINATE CHEMICAL WEAPONS;
- (6) REACH AGREEMENT ON A COMPREHENSIVE BAN ON NUCLEAR
TESTING AND SUBMIT IT TO CCD FOR NEGOTIATION OF A
TREATY;
- (7) BEGIN NEGOTIATIONS ON AVOIDING EXTENDING
THE ARMS RACE TO THE SEABED AND OCEAN FLOOR;
- (8) FORMULATE JOINT DECLARATIONS BY NUCLEAR STATES IN
WHICH THEY WOULD UNDERTAKE TO REDUCE MILITARY EXPENDI-
TURES AND USE SAVINGS TO PROMOTE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL
DEVELOPMENT OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES;
- (9) CONVENE A WORLD ASSEMBLY ON DISARMAMENT; AND
- (10) PROMOTE EQUAL PARTICIPATION BY ALL STATES IN
INTERNATIONAL NEGOTIATIONS ON DISARMAMENT.

IN SECOND HALF OF SPEECH, FOLLOWING A WORDY, ACADEMIC
DISCUSSION OF "CONCEPTS" TO CLARIFY HIS COUNTRY'S
POSITION, HE CALLED FOR CREATION OF A "POLEMOLOGICAL
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INSTITUTE" (FROM THE GREEK POLEMOS; WAR) DEVOTED TO
THE "SCIENTIFIC STUDY OF WAR AND PEACE WITH THE AIM
OF DRAWING CONCLUSIONS FOR THE PRESERVATION OF PEACE,"
WHICH WOULD WORK UNDER THE SUPERVISION AND TRUSTEESHIP
OF THE UN. IT'S AIM WOULD BE, "TO SHIFT THE TREATMENT
OF THE CYCLES OF WAR AND PEACE FROM THE POLITICAL FORUM,

WHERE TRADITIONALLY THAT PROBLEM IS DEALT WITH, TO THE
SCIENTIFIC ARENA." YOUNG

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